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THE CHRONICLER OF JP NAGAR

Resident of area documents its metamorphosis from a village to modern residential hub of city

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Today, JP Nagar may be one of the most developed localities in the city, but once upon a time it used to be a mango and guava orchard. A resident of the area chronicled the history of the place along with documenting the metamorphosis of it from village to one of the most modern residential areas in town.

Vikram Chandrashekar, a banking software solution architect, has been tracking the history of JP Nagar for some time. He told BM, "The biggest transformation of JP Nagar from my childhood days has been it going from being a quaint, quiet village-like neighbourhood to today's bustling locality. It is now an upscale area where many folks coming from outside the city like to reside.

The area has become a self-sufficient residential colony with some of the best healthcare facilities, shopping malls, and offices, and is dotted with the best darshinis for some fantastic South Indian food, fine dining restaurants doling out cuisines from all over the world, and microbreweries."

However, the largest change he saw from his early-childhood was the formation of the Dollar Colony, which was a large lake beyond which there were mango and guava orchards.

He says that the area which is a concrete jungle now was once home to numerous snakes and chameleons.

"I remember one evening I was playing cricket. The ball went into the bushes and my friend ran to fetch it, only to be greeted by a snake protecting it. The fear of seeing a snake at arm's length had him shivering for a long while to come.

To deviate from the monotony of vacations being at grandparents' houses, a local club organised a cultural fest for a few years during October school vacations. The fortnight-long fests had something for everyone from chess to classical singing competitions, and also included fun events like musical chairs."

He said an old banyan tree that used to be the learning ground for the local 'Tarzans' to swing from its roots. A scared newcomer was cajoled to climb the tree with everyone's help and was assured he would be held as he came down the root, but the moment he got onto the root, everyone fled, leaving him hanging and shouting for help, he recalled.

JP Nagar is named after Jayaprakash Narayan. The locality was formed during the Chief Ministership of Ramakrishna Hegde. At first, this locality was a prime residential area, dotted with bungalows and independent houses. However, the IT boom of the late 1990s changed it into a semi-commercial area.

He also recalled some folks of JP Nagar having a hunger for books.

"Before circulating libraries came into existence, there were a set of well-dressed folks who came to the area with magazines and comics piled up, claiming they were from Higgin Bothams. The deal was to pay a monthly membership fee and get 2 magazines and 2 comics delivered to our door. Old ones exchanged for fresh ones. Of course, the next week never happened, and a few months later, the same trick was played when a new set of guys claimed to be from the real Higgin Bothams. Thank God we got a circulating library soon," he said.

He said that despite the changes, JP Nagar has retained some of its old charm. According to Chandrashekar, the biggest thing that hasn't changed in spite of all the development around is the greenery inside the colony.

There is a mini forest in the locality where one can spot Bluebirds, Drongo, Hummingbirds, Flowerpeckers, and Parakeets on walks in the area.

"The streets are still lined with old trees forming large canopies and providing sufficient shade even during the summer months. Shivabalayogi ashrama is another green patch in the area which has remained unspoilt. Apart from these, some old eateries in the area are still around and are still the favourite breakfast joints for old timers," he said.

On the need for chronicling the history of JP Nagar, Chandrashekar said that the purpose was three-fold.

Firstly, he wanted to relive his childhood memories about how the area he lived in was close to 40 years ago. He also wanted to take his teenage son on a trip down memory lane and describe changes that have happened and take some time to think about how humans can change the face of a wonderful, calm place to the hustle and bustle of a modern city in such a short period of time in the name of development.

"Lastly, I wanted to chronicle this before my memory starts fading away," he added.

Pirates of the literary world

As book piracy picks up, publishers, authors, bear financial brunt

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With an increase in book piracy, publishers as well as authors are facing a number of problems. According to them, this has only become worse after the pandemic. Sathish K, a bookstore employee, said, "After the pandemic, the book business has increased and so have cases of book piracy. We have seen an increase of book piracy by approximately 25 to 30 per cent. It has affected our business. In the last few years, because of covid, we faced a lot of losses, and now when the business is doing better, book piracy is affecting us."

Niket Raj Dwivedi, from Write Order Publications, said, "There are two kinds of things that worry the publishers about piracy. One: if a book becomes famous and is in demand, it can easily be pirated. There are factories just for piracy. Secondly, there are distributors in the market who, for example, will take 100 copies of a single title and let's say they take 100 copies of other titles. Now, when they report to us after a few months, they often claim a certain percentage of damage -- something like the books being destroyed by rodents -- for example, 5 per cent for damage. So, doing that, they amass a huge number of copies eventually with them and then they sell it at throwaway prices at Rs 20 or Rs 30 to these roadside vendors. They are never sold legally. That is another major worry, because if they say that the books are destroyed by rodents, then we have to accept it."

He added that because of these practices, the publishers lose out on profits. This is a problem because currently, the price of paper has gone up by 35-40 per cent in May this year.

He also gave an example of the book "Do Epic Shit" by Ankur Warikoo. He said that paperback copies of that book were being sold everywhere while he had not released such a version. He had only released hardback, which means that 80 per cent of those books were pirated.

Authors also said that when their books are pirated, they do not get royalty and suffer losses. Pratik Shelke, an author, said, "When the book becomes successful, people try to pirate it. Even my book has been pirated and uploaded online as pdfs."

Some buyers, meanwhile, said they often cannot tell between the original and pirated versions. Roshni Krishnan, an avid reader, said, "I have bought books from roadside stalls because when I compared the price in the bookstore, it was expensive. Moreover, I was also able to bargain with the price of the book from the roadside stall. Also, there is no difference between the original book and its pirated copy. They look exactly the same."

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Smart City's Avenue Road revival is ongoing even after two years of slow progress; BSCL says will wrap up work by September 15

DESOLATION ROAD

Revamp at a cost of Rs 13 crore for 1.2 km stretch

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Smart City's Avenue Road revival project which kickstarted in 2020 is still awaiting completion. Even after two years, the road revamp continues to progress at a slow pace with several set deadlines missed. Now, Bengaluru Smart City Limited (BSCL) has set another deadline to complete the works by September 15.

The road was taken up as a TenderSure project envisaging smart underground utilities, wider footpaths and better street lighting in the locality. Avenue Road has been an important hub of Bengaluru, where various businesses have set up shops — from clothing to stationary to wedding cards, one can stop by along Avenue Road and buy them all.

File picture of work progressing along Avenue Road

> "Reconstruction of sewer lines along Hospital Road was not initially under this project ... Almost 85% of the work has been completed...
> – Vinayak Sugur, chief engineer, BSCL

Over tens of hundreds of visitors frequent Avenue Road every day. With the regular movement of people, the road was left in a dilapidated condition a few years ago. To revive the stretch, BSCL chose to incorporate it in the Smart City project. However, the ongoing developmental work here seems to be never ending which is now greatly inconveniencing the shoppers and shop owners along the stretch.

The project comes at an estimated

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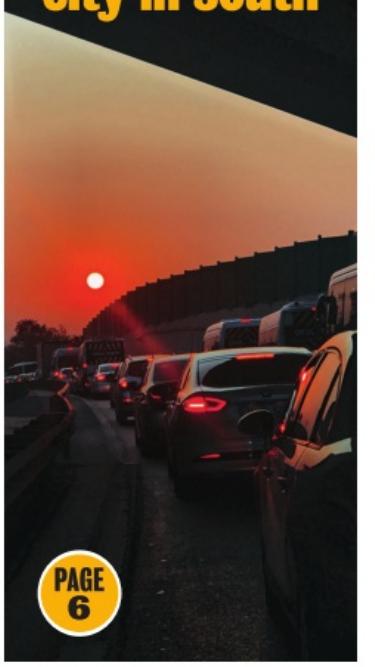

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01 Organic talk

Bangalore Creative Circus has curated an exciting group of farmers and producers that will be selling fresh fruits, veggies, mushrooms, and also homemade bread, jams, dips, ferments, and more! The market is an initiative to connect us to our source of food, while promoting those that grow food with utmost care for our health as well as the planet. Additionally, there will be music, farm to table food, an arts corner for kids (and adults!), and everyone's favourite section - Pet Adoption.
Where: Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeswanthpur Industrial Suburb; When: Sep 4, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm; Entry: Free, 9611854141

02 Satrangi Mela

India's first all-day queer festival by a hospitality chain, Satrangi Mela, is all set to launch its third edition this April. Dedicated to promote queer talent and queer-owned businesses, Satrangi Mela is nothing less than a celebration of queer folks, for queer folks and by queer folks. Their inclusion-oriented approach shifts the spotlight from a tokenistic rainbow flag to the more pressing and under-represented aspects of the queer experience.
Where: Indiranagar SOCIAL; When: Sep 4, 12 pm – 10 pm; Tickets: insider.in

03 Remembering KK

One of India's most beloved singers gone too soon, KK's melodies are timeless. As a tribute to this evergreen musician, Alive India in Concert is presenting a special performance by some of the nation's best musicians: Kunal Ganjawala, Zubeen Garg, Nakul and Tamara Krishna, Lyricist Mehboob, Supratiek Shyamal Ghosh and others. Be there for an unforgettable night.
When: Sep 10, gate opens 5 pm
Info: @AliveIndianConcert & Bhartiya Mall of Bengaluru Facebook/Instagram handles

Threads that unite us

IIM-B and King's College London collaborate to speak about future of handicrafts industry in India and its challenges

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Weavers weave a carpet at a handloom centre on the outskirts of Srinagar (file)

Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bengaluru, and King's College London have joined hands to turn the spotlight on India's handicraft industry, by using a dying art form 'Dastangoi', a lost art form of Urdu oral storytelling dating back to the 13th century. IIM-B will be organising an event on September 8 where key artists of the industry will put up an expressive performance through Dastangoi.

The two institutions will be designing a survey that studies the role of credit in supporting export-oriented small Indian manufacturers and the challenges faced by the small cottage industries and artisans, especially those in the hand-knotted carpet-making business in India. The event is part of a bigger research project led by King's College London in collaboration with Dr Prateek Raj at IIM-B and has been co-designed with non-academic partner Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

"We decided that the best industry to focus on is the handicraft industry. We do not hear about them in the media though the industry sustains so many jobs in India and the quality of Indian handicrafts is world-renowned," said Dr Raj, Assistant Professor at IIM-B.

For the project, Dr Raj along with Dr Kamini Gupta and Dr Sunil Mitra Kumar from King's College London visited several hotspots of handicrafts in India such as Srinagar, Banaras, and Jaipur for an immersion study.

"With the understanding that we got from the study, we will be designing a survey. We would be surveying the manufacturers and exporters of handicrafts and more generally carpet industry. We plan to cover almost 500 or more firms in different pockets of India," he added.

> **"The industry sustains so many jobs in India and quality of Indian handicrafts is renowned**
> – Dr Prateek Raj, IIM-B

The event is the brainchild of Dr Kamini Gupta who got in touch with artists who look at the history of carpets and handicrafts in the Awadh region.

"It is important that the research doesn't just stay contained in academic journals. So, we are organising a panel event where we will talk about the future of the handicraft industry in India and what is its export potential, and challenges. This would be followed by the cultural program," he informed.

Talking about the kind of challenges the handicraft industry and the artisans face, Dr Raj said that the weavers and artisans are facing serious financial issues. "The prices of these items are actually quite high but the labour costs are low so it creates an economic issue." However, he said that the challenges faced by the industry are also unique to different parts of the country.

Dr Kamini Gupta and Dr Sunil Kumar from King's College London were awarded a major research grant in 2020 by the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) to study the future enablers and obstacles for UK-India trade.

Ganesh Chaturthi: Noisy for some, quiet for others

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This year, Bengaluru may have looked forward to celebrating Ganesh Chaturthi without any restrictions, but festivities were marred for a few by the cacophony made by loudspeakers in some localities.

In Nagasandra, the residents of Sobha Garrison Apartment said that on Friday evening, cultural programs were held which continued till night. Radhika M, a resident of the apartment, said, "The first two days were really peaceful but yesterday, there was a lot of noise here. My mother is quite aged and she has heart ailments as well, so she sleeps early. But on Friday, she could not sleep properly. And today, in the morning, she fell sick."

For a few others, office work went for a toss due to the din. Rajendra S, another resident, said that his work starts in the evening and he had a lot of meetings on Friday. However, because of the noise, he kept getting distracted.

A resident of RT Nagar, Harish Nayka kept hearing loud noises for the past two days too. "I am not exactly sure of the area, but it went on till night. I was not keeping well, but my sleep kept getting disturbed because of the noise."

Ganesha festivities in full flow on Friday

Rajendra Singh, a resident of Doddakanneli, said, "There was quite a lot of noise in this area. The people were celebrating with dhols and other instruments. My grandparents are staying with me and they were suffering from fever and because of the noise, they were not able to rest or sleep early."

However, most of the people said that this year, they did not face major noise pollution while celebrating Ganesh Chaturthi. Latika Hurkat, a resident of Trifecta Joli Apartment, Sarjapur, said, "Everything was done in a very systematic way. There was music, but it was quite low and switched off in the evening itself."

Shruthi Nair, a residing in Yemlur, spoke on similar lines. "There was celebration going on in the street next to my PG but it was not at all boisterous. The prayers were done quietly and music was switched off early."

Liquor shops to be shut
In view of Ganesha idol processions, the liquor shops in Hennur, Ramamurthy Nagar, Kothanur, Amrutahalli and Sampigehalli police station limits will be shut from September 4 (6 am) to September 5 (6 am). In a release, police said that the decision was taken following intelligence inputs that there could be disturbances by miscreants under the influence of alcohol and hence, liquor shops will be shut.

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Triangle of trouble at Dispensary Circle

BSCL structure at traffic junction disrupting traffic, small local traders

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Traders complain that the structure near Commercial Street has led to illegal parking by autos; the area is also littered with garbage

Traders at Dispensary Circle next to Commercial Street are faced with a peculiar problem. Their business has gone for a toss after the Bengaluru Smart City Limited (BSCL) created a triangular structure at the traffic junction. The structure created around the state flagpole of Karnataka has also disrupted traffic in the area.

According to many shop owners, the concrete formation put up by BSCL a couple of months back not only looks shabby but has also caused a loss of business for many.

"The structure allows cars and autos to park in the middle of the road causing traffic disruption. Once the tempos and three-wheelers are parked, our shops are completely covered to traffic coming in from the Safina Plaza side. The crowd diversifies and mostly moves to the right. We have lost around 50 per cent of our business," said Gaurav Shah, a trader at the junction.

Traders say they had prophesied the issue while the structure was still under construction.

"We had told smart city officials that the structure is not practical and will cause a lot of traffic issues in the coming days. However, now they are reversing it on traffic police and saying manning traffic is their responsibility," said another trader.

After repeated requests, smart city officials put up two sign boards saying that parking is not allowed.

However, there is no one to enforce this, and three-wheelers and autos continue to park there. While autos and private vehicles are being illegally parked around the structure, authorities are busy passing the buck.

"Everyone is playing a blame game. When we reach out to the traffic police regarding the illegal parking issue, they refuse to take action.

They have told us that they cannot interfere as this structure has been built by BSCL. However, BSCL officials have categorically told us that only the traffic police department can solve our woes," said another shop owner in the area.

Locals also say that while the structure has been built, it is not being maintained.

"There are tons of garbage and plastic waste lying in the garden patch of the structure. The plants are also not being watered," added Shah.

"We wanted to make a bigger circle. However, traders in the area, in association with some officials from the Traffic Police Department, did not agree with the size of the circle and asked us to reduce it. We had to demolish it and make a smaller structure, leading to extra space for autos to park," said a BSCL official.

A sea of garbage

Overflowing garbage bins have become a common sight all along the footpath on Dispensary Road.

> **"Everyone is playing a blame game. When we reach out to the traffic police regarding the illegal parking issue, they refuse to take action** – Local trader

While two dustbins were installed on the footpath by the Smart City, irregular garbage collection has put the area in the grip of poor sanitation.

"While the two dustbins were being cleared regularly for the first couple of weeks after installation, they stopped cleaning the bins after some time. Now garbage has taken over the pedestrian walkway," said Shah.

What are the odds for Bengaluru roads?

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cost of Rs 13 crore for the 1.2 km stretch . So far, according to BSCL, all the underground utilities such as the power cables and drainage lines have been laid; the carriage way is completed. Only a 300-metre footpath work is pending. The electric poles are installed as well. However, the delay in the works is said to be due to Smart City extending the developmental works to the nearby Hospital Road.

"Existing sewage lines in the cross roads are linked to Avenue Road. As the lines had pipes of a lesser diameter we had to install wider pipes at the Hospital Road. If this work is not carried out now, it would result in overflow and water-logging along Avenue Road. Reconstruction of the sewer lines along Hospital Road was not initially under the project. Almost 85% of the work has been completed; we will have the works wrapped up by September 15," BSCL chief engineer Vinayak Sugur told BM.

Avenue Road is usually jam-packed with shoppers (File photo)

A BSCL official meanwhile claimed the project was late as the police had delayed giving permission at the start, and moreover, the work was being carried out only during the night.

"We are getting only 4-5 hours to carry out the work in the night as there is goods vehicle movement early in the morning; movement of other vehicles resume later in the day. The only time we can work is at night and hence the slow progress," added the official.

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‘Faulty’ answer key adds to NEET snags

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For medical aspirants, there seems to be glitches in every step of the admission process this academic year.

After the National Testing Agency (NTA) released the official answer key for NEET-UG on Wednesday, August 31, the students have pointed out several problems with it. They also reported website glitches.

Vikas Patel, a NEET aspirant, told Bangalore Mirror, “There are two or three controversial questions in the answer key. Even different institutes have given different answers to some questions, which has created some confusion.”

“Some true-false questions show all the answers as correct in NCERT books. However, according to the NTA, there is just one,” he added.

The portal to raise objections to the answer key was open on the NTA website till Friday, September 2. Students were given 36 hours after the release of the official answer key to raise objections.

They were required to pay a non-refundable processing fee of Rs. 200 per question challenged.

“The payment of the processing fee may be made through Debit card/ Credit Card/Net Banking/Paytm up to 2 September, 2022 (up to 11:50 pm). No challenge will be entertained without receipt of the processing fee,” said the official statement.

“Even different institutes have given different answers to some questions, which has created some confusion

–Vikas Patel, NEET aspirant

However, several students experienced technical glitches while challenging the answer key. Nandini G, another NEET aspirant from Bengaluru, said that due to internet issues and technical glitches, they were unable to claim an error in the answer key in the limited time period allotted.

“I tried to challenge four of the answers in the answer key as they were not matching with the other unofficial answer keys that had been released by coaching institutes. I was not able to pay the processing fee and did not receive a receipt for my claims.

I do not know if the challenges have been recorded by NTA,” she said.

Nandini also added that in the answer key, some of the answers did not even match the NCERT syllabus book which is prescribed for the NEET examination.

Due to this confusion, the students have been questioning their future again. With the huge number of students appearing for the exam every year which includes negative marking, even one lucky claim can change a student’s rank considerably.

As BM had reported earlier, NEET aspirants were already furious due to the delay in the release of the answer key and results. These glitches have only added to their woes. NTA had earlier informed that NEET UG 2022 result will be announced by September 7.

‘Sluice gates are answers to floods’

These gates can hold waste water from flowing into lakes at diversion channels; BBMP plans to build more of these following rain-induced floods

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With many areas in the city being prone to flash floods, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has decided to install sluice gates for lakes and diversion channels.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, “Following the suggestion of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, we have decided to install sluice gates. These gates at lakes will help prevent flooding. At diversion channels, it can withhold waste water from flowing into lakes and open when there is excessive rainfall.”

According to BBMP officials, sluice gates will help with emptying lakes ahead of monsoon so that they have enough water holding capacity when it rains. Besides this, the lakes need to be desilted before monsoon to increase their storage capacity. This provision is currently unavailable in any lakes that have waste weirs but are much above the lake bed.

Experts suggest that these sluice gates need to be constructed at the level of the lake bed to enable emptying of the entire lake if warranted.

They also say that the BBMP should immediately take up installation of sluice gates as it will help with regulated and measured release of water from the lakes.

The agency has begun the removal of encroachments in the city. Nath said, “There are two kinds of encroachments; one on storm water drains or rajakaluve, and the second one in the buffer zone. Many of the areas like Dasarahalli, RR Nagar, Mahadevapura, Bommanahalli, Yelahanka, KR Puram, and Yelahanka were under the respective City Municipal or Town Municipal Councils where permission was granted to construct houses on rajakaluves or storm water drains. If there are encroachments on the rajakaluve or storm water drain, then we can immediately remove it.”

Construction of a sluice gate at Bellandur Lake in 2018. (File Photo)

“Following the suggestion of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, we have decided to install sluice gates. They will help prevent flooding

–Tushar Giri Nath, BBMP Chief Commissioner

However, if there are encroachments on the buffer zone that date back to 2008, the BBMP would need to see if they can remove those as there can be a few legal issues.

Experts say that the BBMP needs to think about alternatives as the rajakaluves have been designed to ensure flow of water where rainfall is up to 50 mm. However, of late, many areas are receiving rainfall beyond 50 mm and it needs to be scientifically studied if the rajakaluves have the capacity to carry excess water.

Meanwhile, there is also a proposal to make lake water potable. Nath said that the BWSSB was working on an ambitious proposal to make lake waters potable.

“To make lake water potable, the entire city needs to be covered in a sewage network and ensure that zero sewage is flowing to lakes. However, the process is still going on as there is a requirement of more sewage treatment plants,” he added.

Has ‘brand Bengaluru’ taken a beating?

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With many areas in the city being flooded due to poor infrastructure, many are now questioning the ‘Bengaluru brand’. KPCC President DK Shivakumar said, “The brand Bengaluru has taken a severe beating and it is a blot in the name of being a global city.”

Adding to the chorus, former Lokyaukta, Santosh N Hegde said that corruption has led to sub-standard work.

Reacting to this, Minister for Higher Education Dr CN Ashwath Narayan said, “We will respond to this and take necessary action.”

Ajit S, a techie said that Benglauru is known for housing global companies, but poor infrastructure has pulled its image down.

“If you open social media, one can see memes about the city’s poor infrastructure. People are fed up.”

The condition of Outer Ring Road following heavy rain in the city

The debate was triggered following a letter to the Chief Minister by Outer Ring Road Companies Associations (ORRCA). ORRCA had alleged that poor infrastructure on this corridor is bringing down the efficiency and productivity of companies and putting employee safety at risk. Flooding on ORR on August 30 reportedly led to a loss of Rs 225 crore as staff were stuck on the road for over five hours.

Member companies with investments in ORR said that they had to trigger emergency Business Continuity Plans and Work from Home or pass on critical work to locations outside of Karnataka, causing economic damage to the state and city. “There are several examples of planned road initiatives being stalled which have only aggravated the issues on ORR. In 2019, the then CM visited ORR and approved several projects to ease pressure on ORR traffic, however the progress has been slow. It is in the collective interest of ORRCA and the Government that Bengaluru infrastructure issues are addressed with a short midterm and longer-term view to sustain the growth as these companies will seek alternate destinations if the situation does not improve,” read the letter by ORRCA.

The letter also highlighted the need to understand methods to improve infrastructure on the highly-used road and urged officials to engage with ORRCA.

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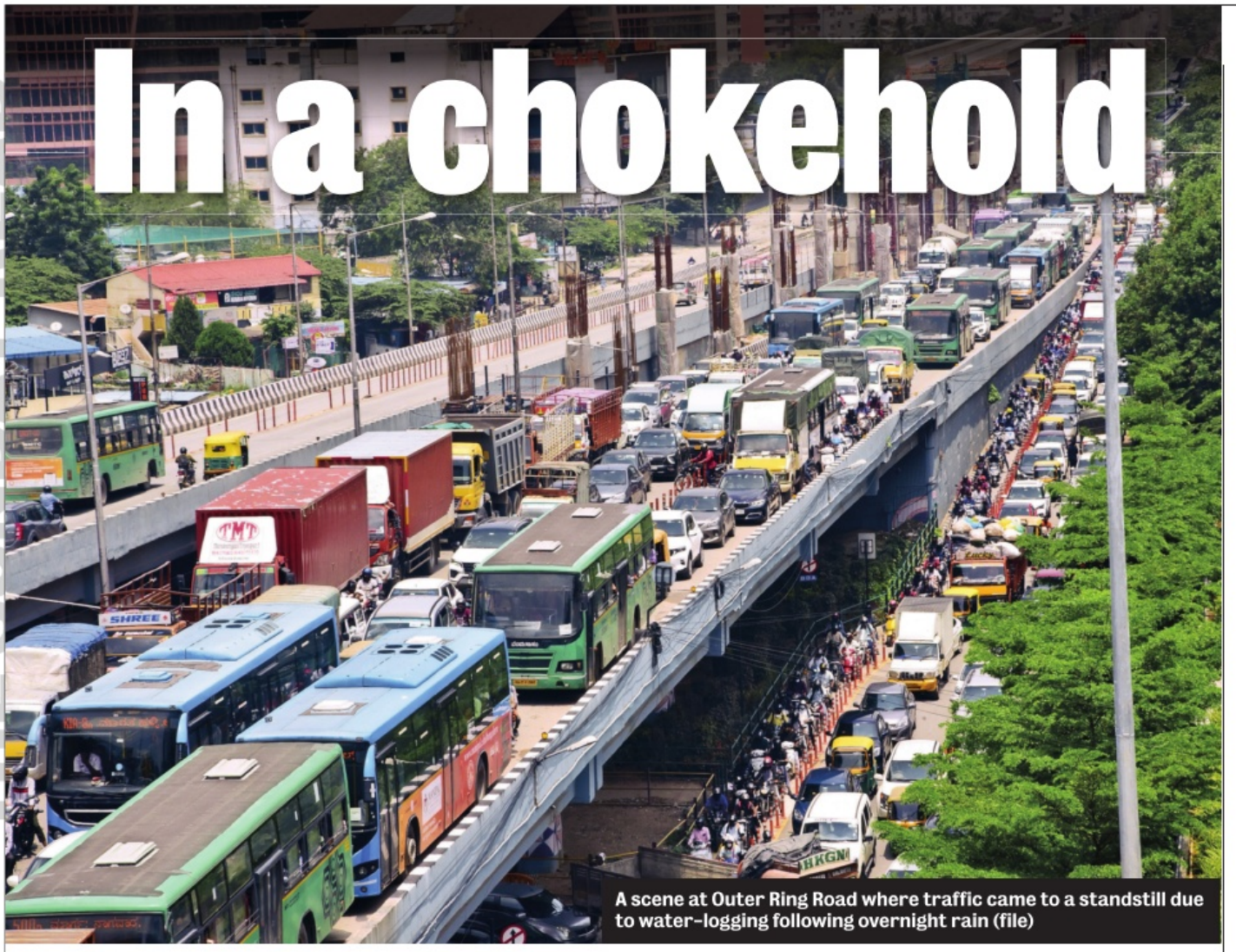
In a chokehold



A scene at Outer Ring Road where traffic came to a standstill due to water-logging following overnight rain (file)

Stagnant traffic is biggest culprit behind B'luru getting tag of second-most polluted city in southern region

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Bengaluru has turned out to be the second most polluted city in the southern region of India during the summer of 2022. According to an analysis of summer air quality undertaken by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), New Delhi, the IT capital of the country has grabbed the second spot out of the 39 cities across Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and Telangana that were analysed.

The analysis is based on publicly available real-time data from the Central Pollution Control Board's (CPCB) online portal.

Experts say the city needs to improve the infrastructure and regulatory policies towards clear air. They say transport is the biggest contributor when it comes to PM2.5 concentration, which is considered the most lethal air pollutant. Anything that slows down the traffic leads to higher emissions of PM2.5.

Slow-moving vehicles, unnecessary speed bumps and running engines at traffic signals cause high emissions of this particulate matter.

"Stagnant traffic is the biggest culprit. The average speed of vehicular traffic at most of the junctions in the city has gone down to 15-20km/hr. Slow-moving vehicles lead to more fossil fuel burning, causing higher emissions. Moreover, vehicles in different speed categories should not be plying together. Traffic should be bifurcated based on this category. The same rule applied to unscientific speed bumps. To add to that, drivers should be educated about the impact of running engines at traffic junctions. Engines should always be switched off to reduce the emission," informed Dr Gurfan Beig, professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), IISc campus.

According to Dr Pratima Singh, research scientist, Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP), rampant construction activities and mismanagement of C&D waste are other factors causing higher levels of PM2.5 in the air.

"Construction and demolition (C&D) sites need to be properly maintained so that dust resuspension does not happen. There are a lot of construction activities happening in the city and one can spot C&D debris lying unattended. We need to have C&D waste management infrastructure in place. Just one processing plant for an ever-growing city like Bengaluru is not enough. Moreover, it is important to follow CPCB's regulations when it comes to vehicles ferrying CD material. I have seen umpteen number of times that these vehicles ply without any cover," said Dr Pratima.

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The analysis also shows that Bengaluru is one of the eight cities in the region that are exhibiting an increasing trend in both summer average and peak level of PM2.5 concentration compared to the previous summer. The city recorded a peak PM2.5 concentration of 60 µg/m³.

While this value is within the permissible limit as per the national air quality standards by CPCB, experts warn that it is the geographical location and meteorological factors that have come to the city's rescue.

"If you look at the local emission data of Bengaluru, it is as high as any other metro city in the country that is facing a poor air quality issue. Bengaluru is blessed by its high altitude, which causes the pollutants to drift away, keeping the air quality good. However, there is a saturation limit to drifting as well. If we continue with current emission rates, the day is not far when the advantage the city enjoys will vanish and air quality will deteriorate exponentially, very fast," warned Dr Beig.

The analysis also showed that the city recorded a PM2.5 summer average of 40 µg/m³, which is yet again within the permissible limit. However, experts caution that it is not the summer month that registers deterioration in air quality.

"The concentration of pollutants such as PM2.5 is the highest during the winter season. Winter is a calm season with low wind speed and the lower boundary layer which traps these pollutants close to the earth's surface. This restricts horizontal and vertical dispersion leading to the deterioration of air quality," added Dr Beig.

Fuel leak ruins NASA's 2nd shot at moon

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NASA's new moon rocket sprang another dangerous fuel leak Saturday, forcing launch controllers to call off their second attempt to send a crew capsule into lunar orbit with test dummies.

The first attempt earlier in the week was also marred by escaping hydrogen, but those leaks were elsewhere on the 322-foot (98-meter) rocket, the most powerful ever built by NASA.

There was no immediate word on when NASA might try again. After Tuesday, a two-week launch blackout period kicks in. Extensive fuel leak repairs could require that the rocket be hauled off the pad and back into its hangar, possibly pushing the flight into October.

Launch director Charlie Blackwell-Thompson and her team tried to plug Saturday's leak the way they did the last time: stopping and restarting the flow of super-cold liquid hydrogen in hopes of removing the gap around a seal in the supply line. They tried that twice, in fact, and also flushed helium through the line. But the leak persisted. Blackwell-Thompson finally halted the countdown after three to four hours of futile effort.

"We have a scrub for the day," announced NASA's launch commentator, Derrol Nail.

NASA wants to send the crew capsule atop the rocket around the moon, pushing it to the limit before astronauts get on the next flight. If the five-week demo with test dummies succeeds, astronauts could fly around the moon in 2024 and land on it in 2025. People last walked on the moon 50 years ago.

NASA's Artemis I rocket sits on launch pad 39-B at Kennedy Space Centre

After days of stormy weather, the weather cooperated early Saturday as the launch team began loading nearly 1 million gallons of fuel into the Space Launch System rocket.

But minutes into the operation, hydrogen fuel began seeping from the engine section at the bottom of the rocket, violating safety rules.

During Monday's launch attempt, hydrogen fuel escaped from elsewhere in the rocket. Technicians tightened up the fittings over the past week, but Blackwell-Thompson cautioned that she wouldn't know whether everything was tight until Saturday's fueling. -AP

Mysuru cops use tech to track crime

Smart fingerprint detection to help identify criminals

Mysuru city police have come up with a more intelligent and faster way of tracking criminals. They will be using a smart fingerprint detection method using a criminal tracking application.

The fingerprints of all the people who were arrested in police stations in the state will be sent to the state police database. When a finger of a person is scanned, it will reveal his criminal history immediately.

Police have installed Mobile Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System App (MCCTNS). They are also given fingerprint scanner devices.

Police can scan the suspect's fingers and verify their details with the MCCTNS app. The system will reflect all the information and criminal records of the suspect if they have any. The details of any past arrests will also reflect in the application.

Once the fingerprint is verified police can take the accused into custody if they have a criminal record for further investigation.

This is done in an effort to lower the number of criminal activities in the city. There are 51 devices distributed to all the police stations. The app is downloaded on the mobiles of Inspector, Sub-Inspector, ASI, and Head Constables. They have given their user IDs and passwords. More devices will be released for Dasara to avoid criminal activities in Mysuru.

Mysuru cops were given fingerprint scanner devices and Mobile Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System App was installed on their mobile phones to track criminals using fingerprints

> **It takes four to five hours for police to bring the suspects and enquire about them. Now, this app will be helpful in identifying a person easily**
>
> –MS Geetha, DCP

Will prove useful during Dasara festivities

The city will be full of tourists during the Dasara festival. Police can identify the suspects easily in the city and control criminal activities. This will also help identify thieves and burglars who wait near Chamundi hills, the palace, bus stand, railway station, and other places. They also warned the miscreants who were identified while they were patrolling.

DCP MS Geetha said, "It takes four to five hours for police to bring the suspects and enquire about them. This was wasting the time of the police. Now, this app is helpful in identifying a person with his fingerprint whether he has a criminal record or not." **–Prakash VL**

KK's songs for a cause

Singer's children alongside Kunal Ganjawala, Zubeen Garg, Mehboobji to join tribute that is also a fund-raiser

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The untimely death of music icon KK shook the country and was a huge loss to fans and the music industry. To pay tribute to the legendary singer, Alive India is organising one of the biggest tributes in his memory.

Among the people that will be joining the tribute are KK's family members- his daughter Taamara, his son Nakul and as well as India's popular music icons Kunal Ganjawala, Zubeen Garg and Legendary Lyricist Mehboob Ji collaborating with Aurko, an Indie pop-rock bands with Alive India Rockstars all in one stage. The tribute is going to be held on September 10 at Bharatiya Mall in Bengaluru.

The concert is not in remembrance of KK, but it is also a fundraiser for Sri Satya Sai Loka Seva group of Institutions to contribute to Each One Educate One (E1E1), which provides free education to underprivileged sections of society. The cause is supported by the NGO, Alive India Music Foundation. Celebrity icons who will perform are Kunal Ganjawala, Zubeen Garg and Supratiek Shyamal Ghosh.

Supratiek Shyamal Ghosh, Founder and Managing Director of Alive India, said, "Alive India is a team of musicians who want to change lives through music. This is our 12th year. We thought there should be a platform to promote independent music and people who want to take music as their profession." After discussions with KK's family and management, the concert idea was taken up.

The iconic singer died at the age of 53 on June 4, 2022

It was with the help of trusted partners Bhartiya Mall Of Bengaluru, State Bank Of India, Aditya Birla Mutual Funds, IRIS Home Fragrances & Houseful Entertainment UK to support the Sing For KK Initiative and make this non-ticketed concert for the music lovers a reality.

"KK is responsible for my studio which is now taking care of 20 lives. He also inaugurated the studio. KK always wanted to change lives through music, so what is better than having his concert and singing his songs for a cause," said Ghosh.

Remembering KK

What are the names of the two studio albums of KK?

— Send us your answers on WhatsApp to this number: 9591233247. Winners will get free passes for the 'Sing for KK' concert in memory of the singer featuring Kunal Ganjawala and Zubeen Garg.

Chinese loan apps case: ED raids Razorpay, Paytm, Cashfree in B'luru

The Enforcement Directorate Saturday said it is conducting raids at Bengaluru premises of online payment gateways like Razorpay, Paytm and Cashfree as part of an ongoing probe against "illegal" instant smartphone-based loans "controlled" by Chinese persons.

The searches were launched Friday at six premises in Karnataka's capital city, it said in a statement.

The search operation is in progress, the Enforcement Directorate said.

The federal probe agency said it has seized Rs 17 crore worth of funds kept in "merchant IDs and bank accounts of these Chinese persons-controlled entities," during the raids.

The modus operandi of these entities is that they use forged documents of Indians and make them dummy directors leading to the generation of "proceeds of crime", it alleged.

"These entities are controlled/operated by Chinese persons," it said.

"It has come to notice that the said entities were doing their suspected/illegal business through various merchant IDs/accounts held with payment gateways/banks."

"The premises of Razorpay Pvt Ltd, Cashfree Payments, Paytm Payment Services Ltd and entities controlled/operated by Chinese persons are covered in the search operation," the ED said. **–PTI**

Limbavali snaps at woman; FIR against her

BJP MLA Aravind Limbavali was caught on camera getting aggressive with a Congress party worker complaining to him about demolishing her property in Bengaluru's Varthur area.

"I am Ruth Sagai Mary Ameela. I have been in Congress for eight years now. A compound connected to our home and Rajakaluve was demolished without intimation. I asked officials to stop as it's not encroached as per documents," the Congress party worker told ANI.

The MLA, expressing his willingness to apologise, maintained that the woman had encroached on the area, causing problems for the people.

"I am ready to apologise for this. But this same worker of your party, Ruth Sagai Mary, has occupied Rajkalu for many years and caused problems to people, ask her to vacate it. Ask your activist to stop her stubbornness right here," Limbavali tweeted in Kannada and English.

Ameela said, "At 3 pm, MLA Limbavali came to our place and abused my husband. He asked the police to take him away. Then my husband called me. I went to speak to the MLA but his PA and supporters stopped me. He asked his supporters to attack me," she alleged

"Now FIR has been filed against my husband, son and me," Mary Ameela said. **–ANI**

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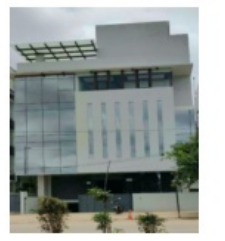

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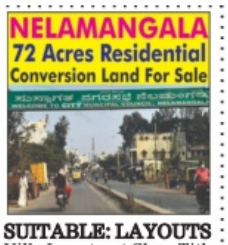

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Sudhakar Balasundaram R/o Flat No: 210, Sri Balaji Ruby, 19/1, Basapura Main Road, Bangalore-560100 have changed my minor son 's name from Srineesh S to Shriram Sudhakar for all purposes.

I, Balakrishnan Nadayil Challappa S/o. Challappa Residing at No.60. Near Pavithra School, Medharahalli, Chkikkabanavara Post, Bangalore-560090 have changed my name to NADEYIL CHELLAPPAN BALAKRISHNAN S/o. CHALLAPPAN vide affidavit dated 03.09.2022 Sworn before Notary: V.Anjanappa, B'lore

I Venkata Narayana Madineni (Old name) S/o Late Narayana Madineni changed my name to Venkata Narayana M vide affidivit dated 20-08-2022 advocate K.H .Venkatappa ,Chickballapur- 562101.

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Change of Name

I am Sri Munikrishna J.D S/o Doddalakshmaiah R/a Juttanahalli village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, stating that my name wrongly mentioned as J.D. Munikrishnappa in my few documents. But, I am intend to change my name for the sake of my future and further my authentic name will be Munikrishna J.D. sworn before Notary and Lawyer T.Narayanswamy, Bangalore vide affidavit dated 11.07.2022.

I, SUBODH KUMAR SINGLA, S/o, Ravinder Singla, residing at Jeevan Residency, Flat No.S1, Vikas Naidu Layout, Bangalore Rural 560099 have changed my name to SUBODH SINGLA vide affidavit dated 30.08.2022 sworn before notary B V Nagabhushana, Bangalore.

I, Varad Sanjay Deshmukh R/a Flat no B905, Aloha Apartment, HMT Estate, Opp income tax colony, Jalahalli Bangalore - 13. I have Changed my name from Varad Sanjay Deshmukh to Varad Deshmukh. Vide affidavit dated 03-09-22. Sworn before notary Ambika S B'lore

I, MUSTAFA SHABBIR IZZY, S/o, Faiyaz Hussain and Residing at No 79, 19th Cross, 20th Main, J P Nagar 5th Phase, Bangalore 560078 have changed my name to MUSTAFA IZZY vide affidavit dated 30.08.2022 sworn before notary B V Nagabhushana, Bangalore.

I Syed Dasthagir S/o Late Syed Nazeer sab s R/o #3/2, 1st A Cross Nazeer sab Layout, mangammanapalya main road, bommanahalli, bengaluru 560068. Have changed my name to Syed Dastagir B N for all purposes.

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STORYBEHINDTHEPHOTO

SITTING PRETTY

A picture of red-whiskered bulbul clicked from my terrace in Bengaluru

The picture was clicked by reader **Sridhar Comaravalli**

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Duo on mission to make B'luru greener

Two siblings planted 750 saplings across city to raise awareness about environment and spread love for nature

They've got a green thumb: Roshan and Angelina busy planting saplings

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"These days, not much is being done to address the issue despite being aware of lack of greenery

– Roshan Samuel, a civil engineer

A sibling duo in the city is on a journey to make the city greener by planting 750 saplings. They wanted to make people aware about the scarcity of plants here and chose Independence Day for it.

The pair, Roshan Samuel and Angelina Sky, said that it was a lifetime experience for them. Samuel, a civil engineer, said, "I wanted people to understand the importance of plants in our environment.

When I travel across the city, I see in a few places that there is a scarcity of plants and it is very sad. These days, a lot of technology is being used, and despite being aware of the lack of greenery, not much is being done to solve it."

He also added that they donated saplings to various schools and petrol bunks. He also said that it was difficult to go around the city planting so many saplings, but it was worth the struggle as it would help spread a lot of love and joy as well as help the environment.

Angelina, completing her PUC from Mount Carmel College, said, "We had three farmers and gardeners who helped us with the entire journey, we also had a truck with us to carry all of the plants as well as our parents. It was a whole day of hard work, but it was so worth it at the end of the day. The rains added to the difficulty but the soil was softened and our job got easier."

The duo also received the "Dr Kalam Smriti Excellence National Award 2022" and "Rajdhani Gaurav Award 2022" in Delhi last week for their efforts. They added that this was something that they want to do some time again.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ramamurthy Nagar was historically filled with lakes. It was surrounded by a single water body which today is split up into Kalkere, Maragondanahalli, Kithanagur and Yellamma lakes (also known as Yele Mallappa Shetty Lake). During the mid-1980s, the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) had developed some of the areas in north-east Bengaluru, like OMBR Layout, HRBR Layout, Kasturi Nagar and East of NGEF Layout. The farmers converted their farms into layouts and sold the sites to interested buyers which soon became home for the bank employees, ITI staff employees and later software professionals by mid-2000. The BDA developed layouts had all civic amenities, and the growth of these layouts influenced the growth of Ramamurthy Nagar to the great extent, both residentially and commercially. (Wikipedia)

GET HEARD WITH MIRROR

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Let's see how much you know about Namma Bengaluru, folks. Tell us something incredible and mind-boggling about this beautiful city and our editors and researchers will check it out. If it's credible, we'll give it a shout-out, with your name and picture.

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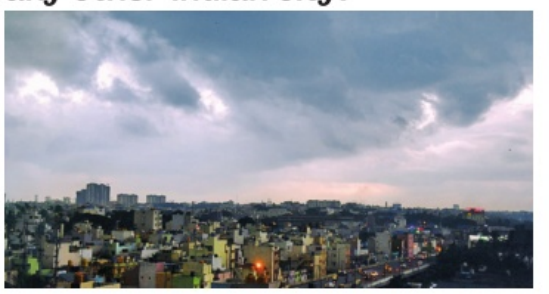
where Bengalureans speak their mind

What is an advantage of living in Bengaluru that is not there in any other Indian city?

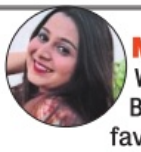


Shyma Rauf, BM Reader
"The major perk of living in Bengaluru to me is the betterment of one's patience, tolerance and the preparedness for anything and everything, the traffic and weather. Moreover, this is a city of opportunities, you just have to give it your best and grab them as soon as you can."

Kshitija Rithish, BM Reader
From the much-discussed weather to the diversity, to the food, Bengaluru outdoes herself every time. As someone who has lived in different cities, there is no place like here. The best part of this city is how welcoming it is to every single person who steps in here. It makes them it's own.

Namrata Sarkar, BM Reader
Bengaluru has been a convenient and safe place to be in. It has helped me grow into a confident individual and has always made me feel home. The convenience is the prime factor that helps it stand out. Also being the IT hub, it opens a gateway to endless opportunities.

Subham Kumar, BM Reader
The cultural diversity that Bengaluru offers to the migrants is what I like the most. People here accept the migrants from all around the globe without discrimination.



Muskan Todi, BM Reader
Weather is one aspect in which, Bengaluru would top the list of my favourite cities in India. The beautiful rains, the wet roads, and chill breeze has my heart for this city.

Naman Jain, BM Reader
The city accepts a variety of perceptions and it moulds and brings the diversity in its one true humane form which makes it more beautiful.

SPEAK TO US

Which is your favourite weekend getaway from Bengaluru and why?
If you want to be featured in this section, mail us your answer to this question, in 25 words, with 'Tap The Chatter' in the subject line. Mail us with your name, occupation & a picture at mybangaloremirror@timesgroup.com or WhatsApp us on 9591233247

HEALTH TIP: Processed meats, such as sausages, bacon, are high cholesterol foods that you should limit in your diet

Shellfish — including clams, crab and shrimp — are an excellent source of protein, B vitamins, iron and selenium

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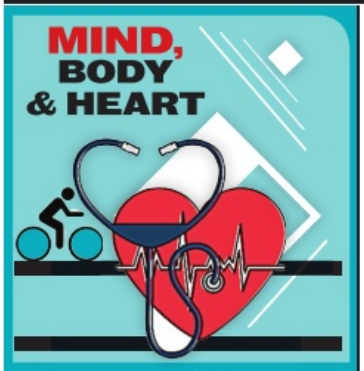

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I really need your help as I'm confused over what to do about a "friend with benefits", who I've been seeing for more than a year now. I met him through work, but we only started seeing each other properly after he left the company and moved on to another job. Over the past year, I've been out with him in the evenings for drinks and I also sit with him in his van to keep him company while he's working. A few months back, I plucked up the courage to admit that I'd fallen in love with him. To be honest, he can be a bit distant with me and he hardly ever texts - it's always me who gets in touch first to chat or suggest meeting up. The trouble is, I can't get him out of my head. I have photos of him on my phone and I look at them on a daily basis. I'm starting to worry I could be lovesick and don't really know what to do about it. What can I do?

COLEEN SAYS

It seems to me that this guy is the one getting all the benefits. I assume when you told him you were in love with him he just grunted or ignored you or reminded you he only wanted a no-strings relationship?

Please love yourself enough to walk away from this man and find someone who wants what you want, which is obviously a committed relationship where both partners are all in. This friends-with-benefits situation will never work in the long term. You should be going out with a guy who's proud to have you on his arm and excited about doing fun things together. So, my advice is, delete his photos and his number, stop chasing him, and if he wants an explanation, tell him you've decided you don't want to sleep with your mates.

Look, I appreciate it's hard to walk away when you have feelings for someone, but you'll get over him.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

Bite of Onasadhya

Savour the taste of Onam festivities with these dishes that are steeped in tradition

KOOTUKARI

Thick curry made of black channa, raw banana and yam, cooked with a rich roasted coconut masala

Prep Time: 30 min **Cooking Time:** 50 mins **Serves** 4

INGREDIENTS

- Black channa: ½ cup
- Raw Nendram banana (cut into small cubes): ½ cup
- Yam (cut into small cubes): ½ cup
- Pepper powder: ½ tsp
- Turmeric: ¼ tsp
- Dry red chilli: 5
- Salt: to taste
- Coconut paste: 1 cup
- Cumin: ½ tsp
- Coconut oil: ¼ cup
- Mustard seeds: ½ tsp
- Urad dal: ¼ tsp
- Red chilli: 2
- Grated coconut: 1 cup

METHOD

- Soak the black channa overnight. In a cooker, boil the channa till cooked and soft to touch. Keep aside to cool. Cut the raw banana and yam into cubes. In a pan, cook the cut raw bananas and yam with salt, turmeric powder, red chilli powder and pepper powder and 2 cups of water till all the water evaporates and vegetables are semi-cooked. This would take approximately 15 minutes. Keep aside. In a grinder or mixer, make a paste with coconut and cumin. In a pan, cook the grated coconut on a slow flame for 15-20 minutes until it turns golden brown. Heat the oil in a pan, add mustard seeds, urad dal, dry red chilli and the cooked yam and raw bananas vegetables and black channa together for another 10 minutes. Add the coconut paste and cook for 15 minutes and check the seasoning. Add the golden-brown coconut and mix at the end. Serve hot.

PULI INJI

Sweet, sour and spicy curried pickle made with ginger, tamarind and jaggery

Prep Time: 10 min **Cooking Time:** 20 mins **Serves** 4

INGREDIENTS

- Tamarind: ½ cup
- Oil: 02 tbsp
- Mustard: ½ tsp
- Fenugreek: ¼ tsp
- Ginger: ¾ cup
- Green chilli: 2
- Dry red chilli: 2
- Curry leaf: a few
- Red chilli powder: 1tsp
- Salt: to taste
- Jaggery: 1 tbsp

METHOD

- Finely chop the ginger. Soak the tamarind in 2 cups lukewarm water for 30 minutes Extract the pulp and keep aside. Heat oil in a pan, add mustard seeds, fenugreek seeds, dry red chilli, curry leaves, green chilli and sauté for 2-3 minutes. Add finely chopped ginger and cook on a slow flame for 15 minutes till the raw smell disappears. Pour in the tamarind pulp and jaggery into the pan and cook the mixture on medium heat for an additional 15 minutes. Season with salt to taste. Remove the pan from the flame and allow the Puli Inji to cool down completely. Puli Inji is great accompaniment with rice.

ADA PRADAMAN

Red rice flakes cooked with jaggery in coconut milk, flavoured with dry ginger powder and cardamom. An Onam speciality.

Prep Time: 15 min **Cooking Time:** 45 mins **Serves** 4

INGREDIENTS

- Red rice Ada: 1 cup
- Coconut milk (1st extract): 1cup
- Coconut milk (2nd extract): 2 cups
- Coconut milk (3rd extract): 3 cups
- Jaggery: 3 cups
- Ghee: 2 tbsp
- Coconut slivers: 1 tbsp
- Cardamom powder: 1 tsp
- Dry ginger powder: 1 tsp

METHOD

- In a pan, boil the red rice Ada with 3rd extract of coconut milk over a moderate flame, till its soft to touch. This should take approximately 20 minutes. Boil the jaggery in 1 cup of water for 10-15 minutes, to make a thick syrup. Remove from the flame, and allow it to cool down. Strain the mixture to remove any impurities and keep it aside. Mix the jaggery syrup and boiled Ada and cook with the 2nd extract of coconut milk on a medium flame for 15 minutes till the mixture is thick. Add dry ginger powder, cardamom powder and 1st extract of coconut milk and remove from the fire. The Pradhaman is ready. Separately, heat ghee in a pan and fry the coconut slivers until golden brown and add to the Pradhaman. Serve hot.

By Chef Regi Mathew, Culinary Director and co-owner, Kappa Chakka Kandhari

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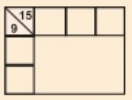
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

$$\frac{\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{12}}{3^{-1}} = ?$$

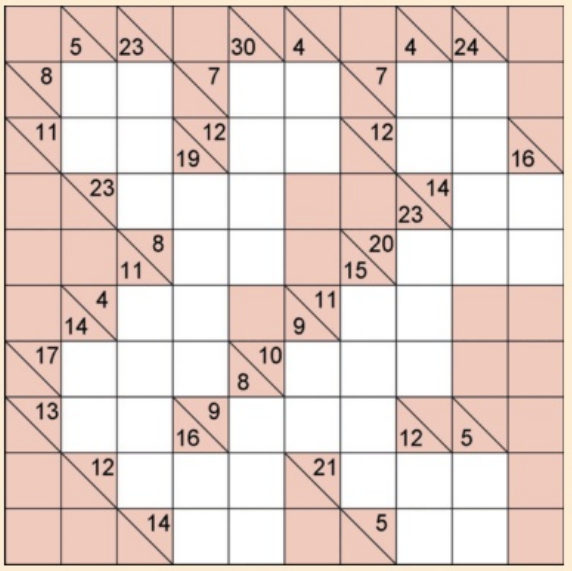
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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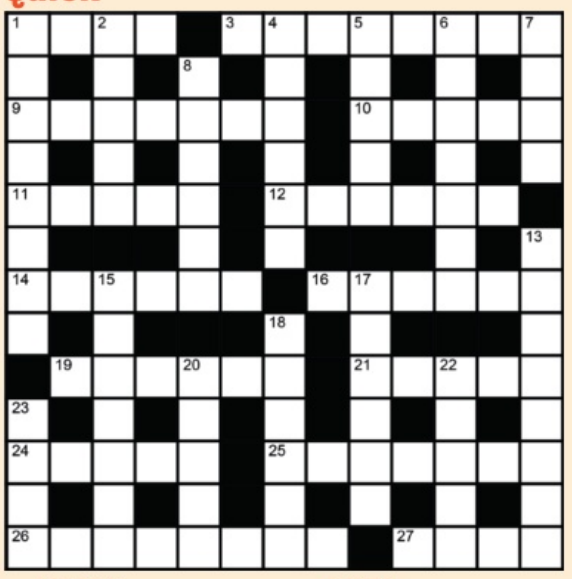


ACROSS

1 Political alliance (4)
3 Skin-and-bone (8)
9 Indian flat bread (7)
10 Book of photographs (5)
11 Roman 58 (5)
12 Was subsequent (6)
14 Indian state bordering China (6)
16 Tell with confidence (6)
19 Prize (6)
21 Taken ___ : surprised or disconcerted? (5)
24 US President Joe ___ (5)
25 Double-cross (7)
26 Unspecified place (8)
27 Devilish ones (4)

DOWN

1 Adverse reaction; recoil (8)
2 Muscat native (5)
4 German or Austrian emperor (6)
5 Great many (5)
6 Picturesque scene (7)
7 A kind of swelling (4)
8 Sesame paste (6)
13 Frailty (8)
15 Karnataka's first Chief Minister (1,1,5)
17 Old experienced sailor (3,3)
18 Succulent bivalve (6)
20 Pilfer or steal (5)
22 Principle (5)
23 Priestly robes (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: O EQUALS G

KYN QRUNBK FDHHWUV DQ IWUOJWON RB DQKNU BYDEU MX BWXRUO UDKYRUO.

Linemaro

I need you like roses need the rain, poet needs the pain

Mindchow

You live only once, but if you do it right, once is enough

Joke of the day

Do pilots take crash-courses? And how do you get off a non-stop flight?

Loop

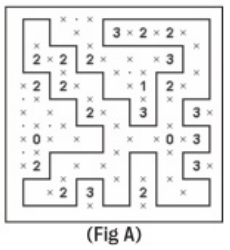
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



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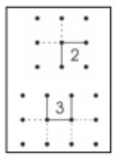
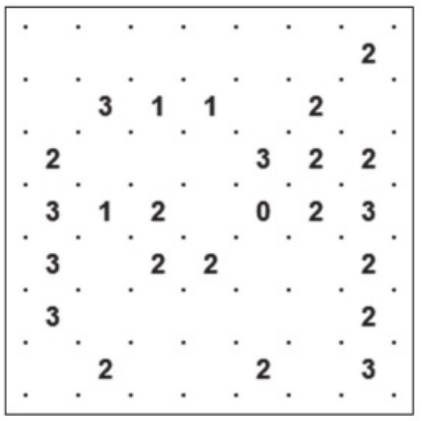
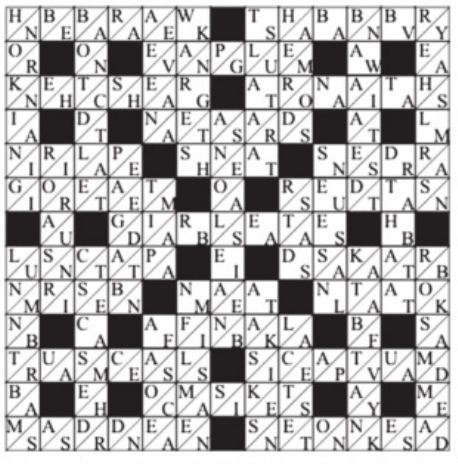


(Fig B) Not Allowed



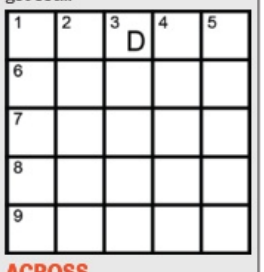
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 All do; 6 V Lara; 7 Or gin; 8 Genoa; 9 Slope

DOWN

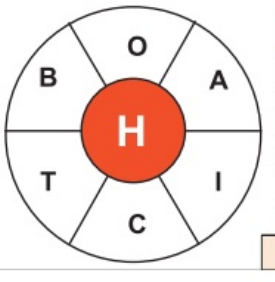
1 A gall; 2 Goral; 3 Do Pro; 4 Envoi; 5 Leans

Mensapuzzle

What number is three places away from itself plus three, two places away from itself multiplied by two, two places away from itself less four and two places away from itself divided by three?

20	14	12	24	33
3	10	16	15	18
17	7	4	8	6
5	1	9	30	36
39	21	13	2	11

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; **08** Good; **10** Outstanding

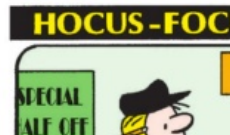
SudokuChallenge

5				6				1
	8		9		3		6	
		4	2		5	9		
8		5				7		4
	1						3	
9		3				2		6
		1	3		2	4		
	7		8		6		2	
2				9				5

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 12

2 3 3 4

Medium = 8

1 2 3 3

Hard = 44

3 4 4 4

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Paint can is moved. 2. Stir stick is moved. 3. Man has less hair. 4. Sign is lower. 5. Thumb is showing. 6. Sleeve is shorter.

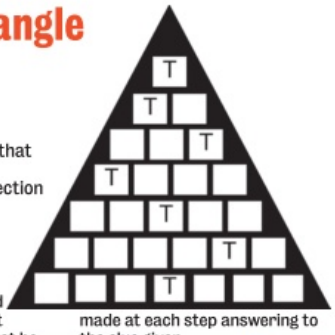
Riddler

In each equation below, part of a common name has been replaced with a definition for a word that is contained within that name. By answering the definition and completing the equation, you will find the name. (Ric + difficult = ric + hard = Richard)

1. Be in debt + n
2. That girl + r + adult guy
3. D + eager
4. B + lease an apartment

Alpha triangle

1 20th letter
2 Infinitive word
3 Dipsomaniac
4 Twinkle digits
5 Ballots
6 Desires something that belongs to another
7 They have both direction and magnitude



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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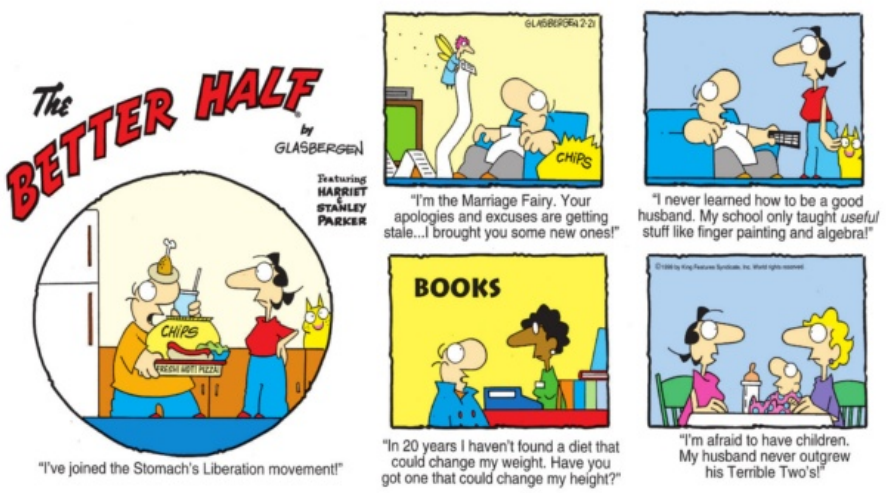

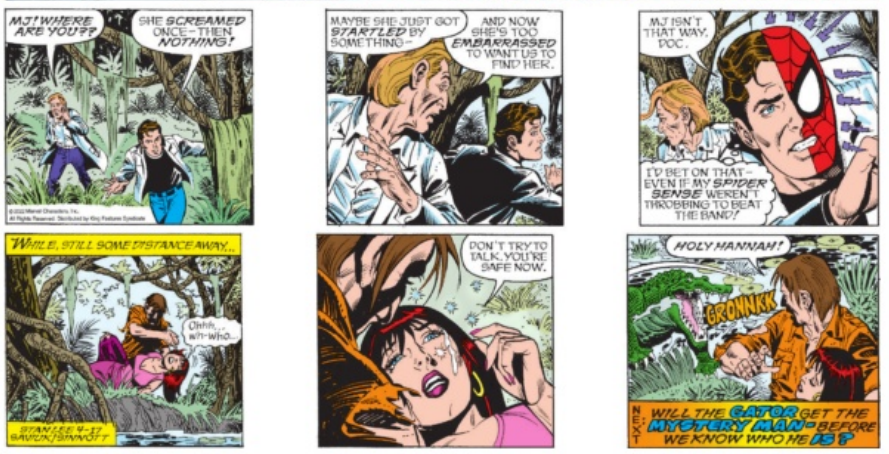

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today your moon is not positive. There are chances that you may not feel well. You are advised not to make investments in new business projects, otherwise you may face losses. Students are advised to avoid daydreaming and should work hard. You are also advised to avoid rash driving.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may have mental peace. You are likely to be busy with friends and family. You may enjoy your domestic life, and it may increase understanding with your spouse. There is a chance for new partnerships in business. New innovations may help your business grow. Disputes in partnerships may be resolved now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today your good health can make you happy. Your health-related issues will now be resolved. You may control your worthless expenditure and new sources of income are likely to be opened, which may boost your financial health. Singles may find their soulmate.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today your moon is positive. You may have some sort of energy and will be able to perform at work efficiently. You may also help needy people or donate to charity. You can spend your time studying intellectual subjects. You may also plan for higher study to groom your career.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, until evening, you may be impatient and have a lack of confidence. This may reflect into your way of working. Your parent's health can make you upset. So can your children's behaviour. You should try to focus on yourself. Avoid scattering your energy into many avenues. Avoid investments in risky assets.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be happy. You are likely to plan for overseas work-related travel, which will increase your business in the near future. Spending money on luxury items may improve your lifestyle. It is advised not to drive yourself towards glamour or addictions. It may affect your financial health.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you are advised to control your way of speaking. Your way of speaking may affect your family harmony. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying some worthless items to maintain your social status. It is advised to not keep your money loose in the pocket.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be busy with your children's career. You may take some advice from someone to choose career options. You may meet consultants or specialists also. You may hear good news regarding kids' results. You may also invest some capital into your family business.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you must control your way of speaking. You may be a victim of conspiracy. It is advised to avoid investments in risky assets. You must avoid lending money to anyone as it may not be recoverable easily. You are advised to do meditation and yoga to come out from stress. Lovebirds are advised to avoid controversies. Students are advised to work hard.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today jobseekers may find new work. There are chances of promotions in your current job. In business, you may get new clients, which will be helpful for growth in terms of profits. Singles are likely to find a good match. In your domestic life, you must avoid hiding anything from your spouse, otherwise it will create some distance in your relationship.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today is a day of success in terms of your profession. Your plans will now bring positive results in terms of profits. There may be good news related to your past investments in terms of gains. Your creativity may help you improve your professional skills. Job seekers are likely to get a suitable job. Students may have good focus after self-analysis.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, until afternoon, you may be upset. Afternoon onwards, elder's blessings may protect you from this messy situation. Your willpower may help you complete your delayed projects. It is advised to avoid arguments in your domestic life. By evening, you may have gains in terms of past investments.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
6/(1/3)=6×3=18

BULL'S EYE
batch, bath, bitch, botch, both, chat, COHABIT, habit, itch, oath

STRIKE OUT

S	A	D	D	E	N	■	S	T	O	N	E	D	■	■
A	■	E	■	C	A	S	K	S	■	A	■	E	■	■
R	A	S	C	A	L	■	S	E	P	T	U	M	■	■
B	A	■	F	I	N	A	L	■	F	■	U	■	■	■
M	I	E	N	■	M	A	T	■	N	A	T	O	■	■
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N	I	L	E	■	S	E	A	■	S	E	R	A	■	■
I	■	T	■	N	E	A	R	S	■	T	■	M	■	■
N	E	T	H	E	R	■	T	R	A	I	T	S	■	■
A	■	E	■	C	A	S	K	S	■	A	■	E	■	■
S	A	D	D	E	N	■	S	T	O	N	E	D	■	■

FAST FIVE

A	L	D	O	L
G	R	O	I	N
A	G	O	N	E
L	O	P	E	S

RIDDLER
1. Owe + n = Owen,
2. She + r + man = Sherman,
3. D + avid = David,
4. B + rent = Brent

QUICK

A	N	Y	W	H	E	R	E	■	I	M	P	S	■	■
B	■	D	■	C	■	E	■	G	■	O	■	S	■	■
A	N	E	■	I	■	S	■	D	■	X	■	N	■	■
T	R	O	P	H	Y	■	A	B	A	C	K	■	■	■
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S	I	K	K	I	M	■	A	S	S	U	R	E	■	■
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L	V	I	I	I	■	E	N	S	U	E	■	D	■	■
K	■	N	■	H	■	S	■	D	■	L	■	P	■	■
C	H	A	P	A	T	I	■	A	L	B	U	M	■	■
A	■	M	■	T	■	A	■	O	■	A	■	U	■	■
B	L	O	C	■	S	K	E	L	E	T	A	L	■	■

MENSA PUZZLE
9.

QUOTE UNCODE
The finest command of language is often shown by saying nothing.

SUDOKU

2	3	8	4	9	1	6	7	5
4	7	9	8	5	6	1	2	3
6	5	1	3	7	2	4	9	8
9	4	3	1	8	7	2	5	6
7	1	6	5	2	4	8	3	9
8	2	5	6	3	9	7	1	4
3	6	4	2	1	5	9	8	7
1	8	7	9	4	3	5	6	2
5	9	2	7	6	8	3	4	1

ALPHA TRIANGLE
T, To, Sot, Toes, Votes, Covets, Vectors.

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 + 3 + 2 + 3 = 12
Medium
3 + 2 + 3 x 1 = 8
Hard
4 + 3 + 4 x 4 = 44

LOOP

KAKURO

■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
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Nora Fatehi quizzed
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FANTASY (KANNADA)
3.5 RATING ★★★½★
- **DIRECTOR** Pavankumar R
- **ACTORS** Priyanka Shivanna, Anurag S Patil, Bala Rajwadi, Harini Srikant, Hemanth Srinivas, Gowrish Akki.
- **Certification** U/A
- **Duration** 99.56 minutes

Get ready to be spooked

Young Anurag's acting skills and gripping plot will satisfy horror enthusiasts

Fantasy, a psychological thriller, revolves around a 'murder' mystery that haunts an innocent boy who loses his mother.

The movie begins with Akhil (Anurag S Patil) being discharged from a mental hospital. Akhil's father Bhaskar (Bala Rajwadi), after consulting the doctor (Gowrish Akki), brings him home. Akhil finds it difficult to sleep at night at home and spends time in illusion. He is under the impression that Jennifer (Priyanka Shivanna) has killed his mother Lakshmi (Harini Srikant). He is also under the impression that his father marries Jennifer and his brother Arjun (Hemanth Srinivas) is not on talking terms with his father. What happens to Akhil, Jennifer and Arjun is what you must watch the movie to find out.

Among the actors, it is Anurag Patil who walks away with all the honours for his sterling performance. He is at his best in horror scenes. He has outdone himself in such scenes, especially the night scenes. Kudos to him. The audiences may empathise with his character that faces innumerable problems. For a nine-year-old, he has done a stellar job. His innocent face has the potential to haunt the audiences for some time after coming out of the cinema hall.

Priyanka Shivanna of Bigg Boss fame is convincing as a villain with different shades. Any upcoming actress would think twice to play such a role. Her looks and performance are superb. Bala Rajawadi has done a neat job. His character is also layered.

Fantasy is Pavan Kumar R's debut not only as a director but also as a producer. He has succeeded in making all the actors faithfully follow the script. RS Ganesh Narayan's music, especially the background score, is apt. Veteran cinematographer PKH Das has done a neat job behind the camera.

For those who enjoy the horror genre, this can be a must-watch.

– Y Maheswara Reddy